

Regional Board of Superintendents' Meeting

Northern Rhode Island Collaborative

Main Office

2352 Mendon Road

Cumberland, RI 02864

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Regional Board of Superintendents was held at the Main Office, 2352 Mendon Road, Cumberland, RI 02864, on **Tuesday, August 2, 2005**. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Mr. Robert O'Brien, Chairman.

In addition to Mr. O'Brien, the following board members were present: Dr. D'Acchioli, Dr. Dellith, Dr. Ottaviano, and Dr. Tindall-Gibson, as well as, Julian E. MacDonnell, Jr., Executive Director, Dr. Robert Fricklas, Assistant Director, and Craig Enos, Business Manager.

Mr. O'Brien entertained a motion to approve today's agenda, which was moved by Dr. D'Acchioli and seconded by Dr. Ottaviano, carried by all.

Routine Matters:

Dr. D'Acchioli motioned to approve Items 1 -6, which was seconded by Dr. Dellith, carried by all.

1.0 The Minutes of the Meeting of June 7, 2005

<u>Moved:</u>	Dr. D'Acchioli	<u>Approved:</u>	Mr. O'Brien
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. Dellith		Dr. Ottaviano
			Dr. Tindall-Gibson

2.0 Bills for the month of June 2005

<u>Moved:</u>	Dr. D'Acchioli	<u>Approved:</u>	Mr. O'Brien
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. Dellith		Dr. Ottaviano
			Dr. Tindall-Gibson

Executive Session:

The Board agreed to take Executive Session out of order.

Communications and Reports:

3.0 Resignation of Susan Petersen, Confidential Secretary

The Executive Director recommended the Board accept the resignation of Susan Petersen, Confidential Secretary.

<u>Moved:</u>	Dr. D'Acchioli	<u>Approved:</u>	Mr. O'Brien
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. Dellith		Dr. Ottaviano
			Dr. Tindall-Gibson

4.0 Retirement of Elizabeth Emond, Instructional Assistant

The Executive Director recommended the Board accept the retirement of Elizabeth Emond, Instructional Assistant.

Moved: Dr. D'Acchioli

Approved: Mr. O'Brien

Seconded: Dr. Dellith

Dr. Ottaviano

Dr. Tindall-Gibson

Appointments:

5.0 Nothing to report.

New Business:

6.0 Rescind Employment Non-Renewals:

The Executive Director recommended the following employment non-renewal be rescinded:

Occupational Therapists

Colette O'Brien

Moved: Dr. D'Acchioli

Approved: Mr. O'Brien

Seconded: Dr. Dellith

Dr. Ottaviano

Dr. Tindall-Gibson

7.0 Meeting Schedule 2005-06

The Executive Director presented the proposed Board Meeting Schedule for 2005-06 questioning the date for January 2006 along with the question of eliminating the meeting in July 2006 and the first or second Tuesday for August through December.

After discussion, the Board approved the 2005-06 meeting schedule with the following revisions: the January meeting would be held on January 10, 2006, the meeting in July should remain as scheduled, and the remaining dates should be held on the first Tuesday.

Moved: Dr. D'Acchioli

Approved: Mr. O'Brien

Seconded: Dr. Dellith

Dr. Ottaviano

Dr. Tindall-Gibson

8.0 Personnel Reorganization

The Executive Director is recommending the elimination of the following clerical positions due to reorganization:

- Eliminate part-time Site Clerk at St. Joan's due to reorganization and non-renewal of the Program Coordinator.

- Eliminate part-time secretary in Central Office/Business Office.
- Eliminate the full-time, full-year Site Clerk position and make it a school-year position.

After discussion, Dr. D'Acchioli motioned to approve the elimination of the above clerk positions, which was seconded by Dr. Ottaviano, carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Dr. D'Acchioli	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. Dellith
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. Ottaviano		Mr. O'Brien
			Dr. Tindall-Gibson

Dr. D'Acchioli motioned to approve changing the full-time, full-year Site Clerk position to a school-year position, seconded by Dr. Ottaviano, carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Dr. D'Acchioli	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. Dellith
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. Ottaviano		Mr. O'Brien
			Dr. Tindall-Gibson

Mr. O'Brien welcomed Dr. Donna Morelle to her first Board Meeting as the new Superintendent of the Cumberland School District.

Old Business:

9.0 Strategic Planning

The Executive Director reported that the Strategic Planning Retreat has been scheduled for Friday, August 19th, at Fidelity's offices in Smithfield from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Debbie Siegel from the EastConn Collaborative will be the facilitator. Topics to be discussed are:

- Special Education Programs & Services
- Professional Development
- Common Purchasing
- Transportation
- Building Project

Dr. Dellith advised Pawtucket will not be able to attend; Dr. D'Acchioli advised Woonsocket will attend; Dr. Morelle advised Cumberland will attend; Dr. Ottaviano advised North Providence will attend; Mr. O'Brien advised Smithfield will attend. Mr. MacDonnell will contact the remaining Superintendents on their attendance.

10.0 St. Teresa's Lease

The Executive Director reported that the one-year lease with St. Teresa's Parish expires on August 31, 2005. He has met with Fr. Paquette and is recommending a 3% rental increase for 2005-06.

Moved: Dr. D'Acchioli
Seconded: Dr. Dellith

Approved: Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Tindall-Gibson

Informational Matters:

11.0 Professional Development Academy 2005

The Executive Director reported that a flyer was distributed presenting our Professional Development Academy courses for the Fall 2005 to include "IDEA Reauthorized 2004", "Autism Spectrum Disorders and Implications for Intervention", and three Reading Instruction courses.

Dr. Fricklas advised other planned professional development activities include the Wilson and LIPPS Workshops, CPI training, along with any other workshops that meet the needs of the districts.

12.0 Principal Mentor Program

The Executive Director reported that John Golden has secured a grant to conduct the Principal Mentoring Program. Mr. MacDonnell advised in meetings with district Assistant Superintendents that it was identified that there will be 30 new principals in northern Rhode Island and that there is a need to provide them with professional mentoring beyond what is provided in the districts.

Mr. MacDonnell advised there will be a meeting at R. I. College with Donna Vigneau on this program and encouraged districts to participate. Districts will have access to a pool of mentors. The mentors will be paid a stipend out of the grant. There will be a schedule of meetings and workshops for principals and mentors.

Dr. D'Acchioli advised of a need for a Middle School Principal in his district.

13.0 EdTech Networks, Inc.

The Executive Director reported that this item was placed on the agenda at the request of Dr. John Tindall-Gibson.

Dr. Gibson advised that he is sharing this information regarding a new company that is creating and hosting school districts' websites. Dr. Gibson indicated that in order to come in to this area they are looking for participation from 6 districts. The company will design and post school websites with no start-up costs. They are able to do this with reverse advertising.

Dr. Gibson is asking if any district is interested in attending a meeting in Lincoln on this program to please let him know and he will advise of the details.

Executive Session:

Pursuant to Chapter 42-46-5(a) 1&2 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, Mr. O'Brien entertained a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 1:38 p.m., which was moved by Dr. D'Acchioli, seconded by Dr. Ottaviano, and carried by all. The closed session ended at 1:45 p.m.

With no further information to report, Mr. O'Brien entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m., which was moved by Dr. D'Acchioli and seconded by Dr. Dellith, carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Jannetta